

ARPOA ANNUAL MEETING DECEMBER 7, 1999

The President opened the meeting and a quorum was present. Fifty households signed in and 11 proxies were on hand.

Presidents Report:

The President asked the Community to accept the list of nominees to the Board. A motion was made to accept and on a voice vote the list was accepted. No nominations from the floor were presented.

The President informed the Community that the Board had submitted a letter to the County with our objection to certain aspects of the Small Area Plan, specifically the concept of Blueways and Greenways.

President updated the Community on the current status of the Ebb Tide bar. It appears that new owners have taken over and will commence making improvements in anticipation of reopening. This property is zoned R-2, which means two residential houses are allowable, however the Ebb Tide has a non-conforming use permit. Under county regulation the criteria for maintaining a non-conforming use permit is vague and minimal and it is unlikely that ARPOA could get the permit rescinded.

President noted and thanked a number of community members for rebuilding the racks at the boat ramp. Home owners contributing to this effort were; Tim Dugan, Ed Hemminger, Curt Wagner, John Coche, Hank Schram, Jeff Manderville and Toby Johnson.

The President introduced John Coche, who informed the Community that there would be a special tree planting at next year's picnic in memory of Carolyn Spalding, who recently passed away. Carolyn was a long time Board member, editor of the Community's newsletter, the Bay Breeze, a resident of Annapolis Roads for many, many years and a much beloved neighbor who will be surely missed.

The Community was reminded again to protect the beach property and boat ramp area by making sure the gates are locked after they enter and leave. Unauthorized use of these community assets is happening.

Shoreline Protection Project:

The President gave an update on the shoreline protection project and introduced Will Nuckols. Will Nuckols has volunteered to pick up the task of pursuing an alternative solution to the Shoreline Protection project decision made by the State & County. Neither jurisdiction would agree with the proposal made by ARPOA for the development of new and larger jetties along the Community's property at Lands End. Instead the County agree to allow ARPOA to minimally improve the small jetties currently in place. Will Nuckols task is to convince the county that viable options exist. The Board feels that a terminal jetty at the mouth of the inlet to Lake Ogleton could provide the protection

necessary. In order to convince the County and State, an engineering study, with hard data and computer modeling will be needed to make our case. Mr. Nuckols will meet with engineering firms to see if a study can be procured at a fee acceptable to the Community. A question was raised regarding any future dredging of the channel. The President noted that the County had recently checked the navigational levels of the lake and it doesn't fall below the minimal level required for a dredging project.

Golf Course Property:

The President introduced the Building Committee and Barbara Samorajczyk who updated the Community on the latest information regarding this property. Approximately 30 acres of land, surrounding the golf course, are still buildable. Recently a builder contacted ARPOA and informed us that they had purchased an option on the property to develop it. The developer will need to subdivide the property in order to build. At this time this property is not subdivided which gives ARPOA an opportunity to participate in the decisions affecting this property. Mrs. Samorajczyk has been working with the Building Committee to ensure that ARPOA's best interests are met. Alternatives to building are being pursued, such as selling the development right to the state for tax credits. Either way, there are numerous environmental issues that affect the proper development of this property. The Building Committee will keep the community informed.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer submitted a proposed FY 2001 budget that reflected a dramatic decrease in the tax rate from 26 cents/hundred to 16 cents/hundred assessed value. Based on current projections of operating costs and the uncertainty of any progress being made on the Shoreline Protection project, a decrease in the tax rate seemed warranted. Part of this strategy was to hold-off on future collection of reserve to support the shoreline project. The three previous ARPOA budgets have developed a reserve of \$90,000 to support this project. The Treasurer noted that the County is taking a closer look at special benefit districts such as ARPOA, due to problems created in other communities. ARPOA needs to be able to defend and justify the budgets submitted. The budget proposed is sufficient to cover operating cost of the Community based on experience. A question was raised regarding discontinuing the building of the reserve for the shoreline project and the possible negative impact this may have if in fact Mr. Nuckols is successful in getting an alternative design approved by the County. While no reliable estimates are available, the consensus is that a project of the size proposed would cost in the neighborhood of \$200,000. A motion was made, seconded and approved that the Treasurer recalculate and reinstate a tax rate that would continue to add \$30,000 towards the Shoreline Protection project. The Treasurer budget included an increase to the stipends paid to the President and the Public Works Director. The President's stipend would increase from \$3000 to \$4000 and the PWD stipend would increase from \$8,700 to \$10,000. In addition the budget includes a new stipend for the Treasurer position at \$3,000. A motion was made to accept the budget as amended, seconded and approved by a show of hands.

The President thanked those ARPOA members present for their participation.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Donald Walsh